inspection of some Technical Schools and supervision of the engineering side of prospecting operations are also duties that he attends to in the course of his work,

Forest Department.

273. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the policy ofthe Forest Department is conservation;

(*b*) whether Mr. Kamesam has suggested a scheme for felling teak wood from plantations;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative has it been made after visiting any plantations;

(*d*) if so, how many plantations has be visited and how many times; and

(*e*) whether felling teak from plantations is in conformity with the working plan of the same;

MR. P. RAMAN PILALI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Three plantations—half a dozen times.

(*e*) Yes

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have appointed any special officer for the working of the scheme?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: A special officer has been appointed.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the object of appointing such a special officer?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: To revise the scheme which has already been prepared.

Casuarina plantation at Veli.

274. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the casuarina plantation at Veli was started;

(*b*) what is the total cost of that plantation hitherto;

(*c*) whether that plantation has been completely cut;

(*d*) on whose request it was cut;

(*e*) for what purpose it was cut and when cut;

(*f*) what is the volume of wood so cut;

(*g*) was the wood utilised for the purpose for which it was cut;

(*h*) what has been done with the timber so cut; and

(*i*) what is the loss sustained by Government by cutting that plantation?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) In 1075 M. E.

(*b*) Rs. 4064-25-3

(*c*) No.

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